# TexMesonet.org



#### TexMesonet

An interactive mapping application for viewing a network of selected weather stations and rain gages throughout the state of Texas. The application displays current weather conditions, radar and 24 hour time series graphs.



### What is a mesonet?

A mesonet is a network of weather stations created to collect mesoscale meteorological information.

Mesoscale is defined, for weather purposes, as systems between 3 and 60 square miles lasting for a few hours to a few days. Examples include tornadoes, thunderstorms, and hurricane eyewalls.

# Why a mesonet?

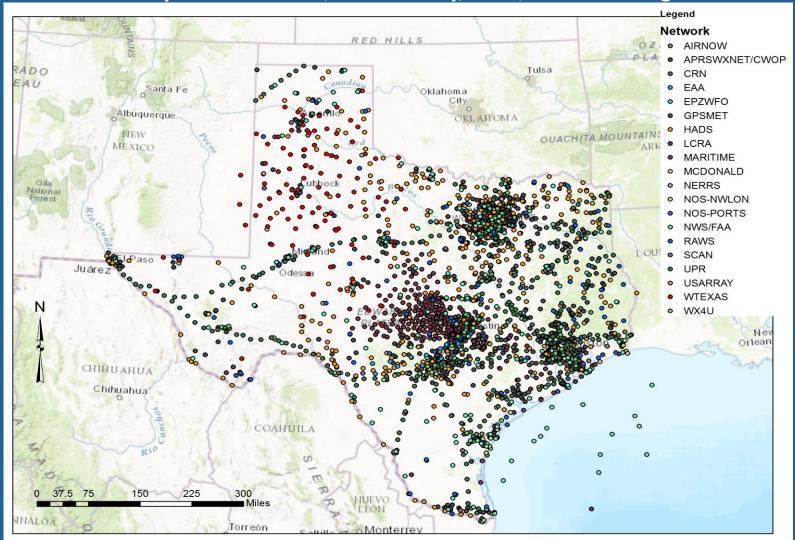
- Improve weather forecasts, drought monitoring, and flood forecasting
- Provide validation for radar/satellite observations
- Enhance agricultural productivity and water conservation
- Support the wind/solar energy sectors



- Collect hydrological monitoring data for Texas
  - The TWDB already monitors surface water & groundwater; atmospheric and soil monitoring complete the hydrological cycle
- Network of networks through integrating existing national, regional, and local networks
- Develop a statewide mesonet
  - Manage QA/QC and metadata for partner networks
  - Deliver near-real time, quality data to forecasters, modelers, and the general public

### 3,045 Weather stations in Texas

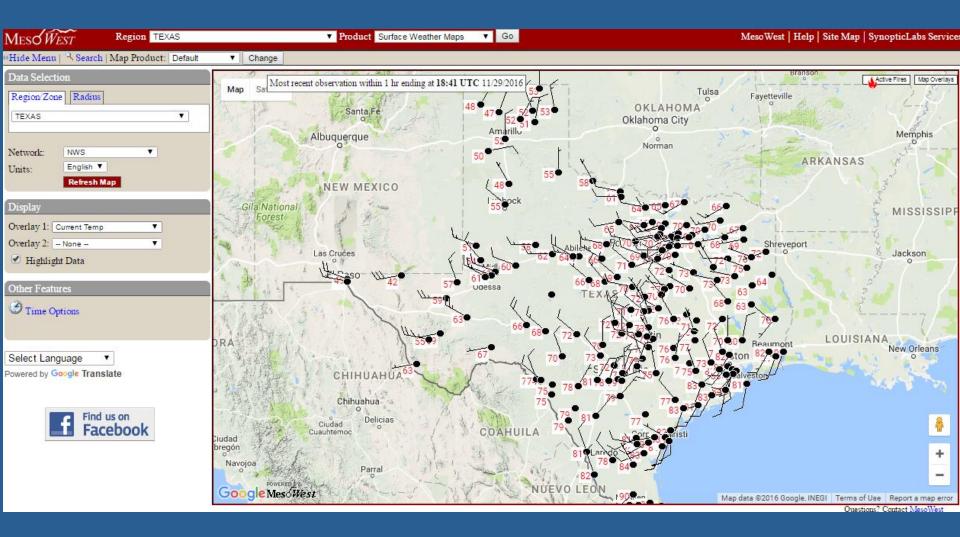
from backyard enthusiasts, to university, state, and federal agencies







## **Mesowest sites in Texas**



www.twdb.texas.gov







## 1,057 TexMesonet Texas sites



#### 2016 Viewer:

- Multiple map layers
- Tracking station data and status
- Updated station symbol look and labeling





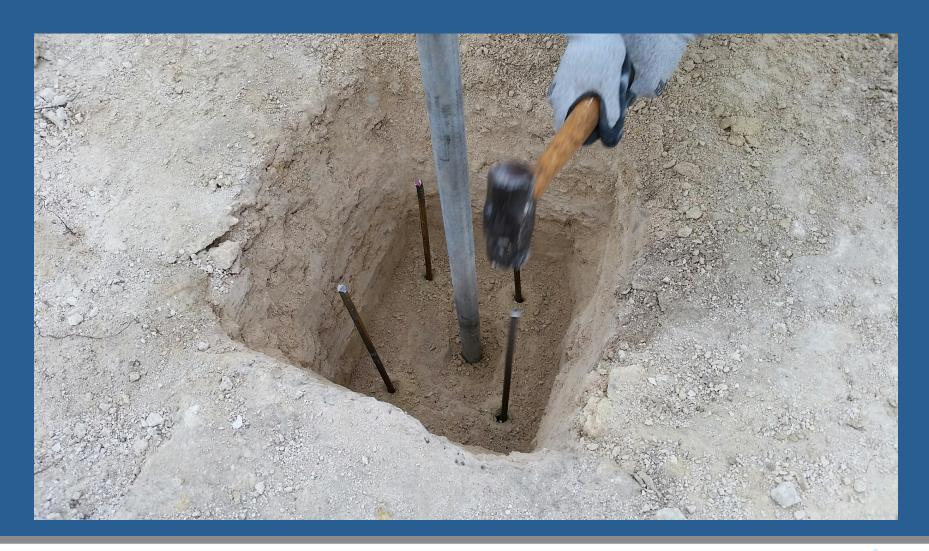
# Assembly and testing at the Lab







# Site preparation







## Installation...







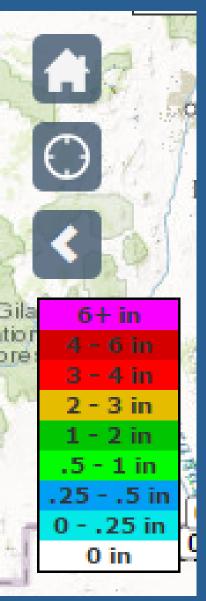
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## Capturing the beautiful Texas weather









Default extent

Find my location

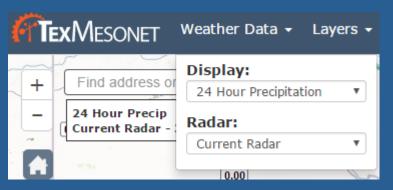
**Previous extent** 

Rain accumulation color scale

- Additional enhancements will expand the site to include:
  - Data and chart downloading and printing directly from the map
  - Additional data availability through download for bulk data access
  - Statewide maps showing a variety of monthly or annual averages of earth observations such as soil moisture, rainfall, and temperature.







## Display and radar choices

- 24 Hour Precipitation
- 48 Hour Precipitation
- 72 Hour Precipitation
- **Current Temperature**
- Wind Chill
- Heat Index
- Humidity
- **Dew Point**
- Air Pressure
- Wind
- Wind Gust
- **Solar Radiation**
- Station

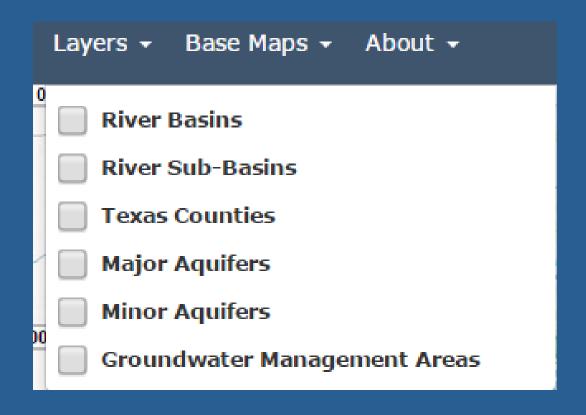
Radar Data **Display Choices:** 

- Current Radar
- **Animated Radar**
- 1 Hour Precipitation
- 24 Hour Precipitation
- 48 Hour Precipitation
- 72 Hour Precipitation

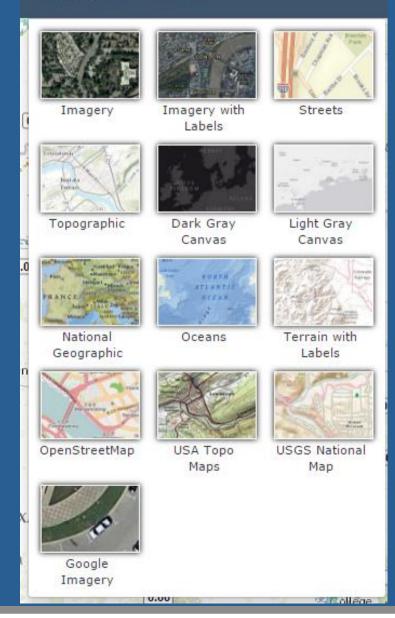




## Viewer: Baseline map layers



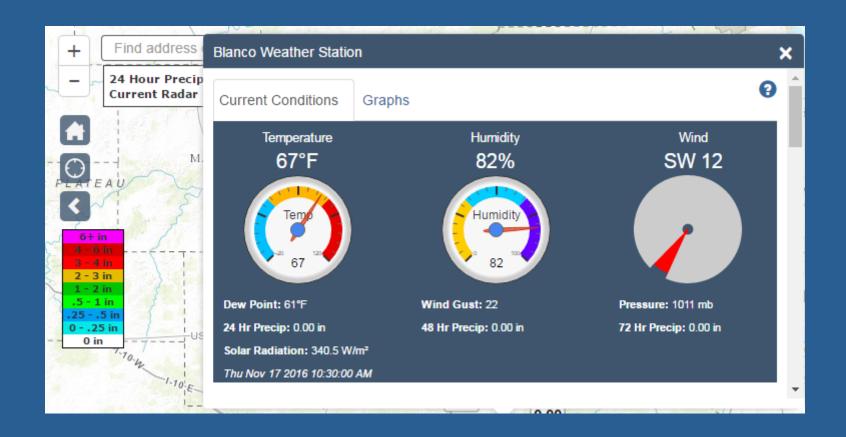




## Viewer: Map displays



## Weather dashboard



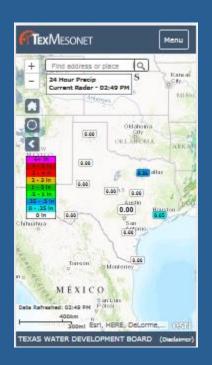




## Cell phone screens



Apple 6-7 Plus



LG G3-5



Moto RAZR 3-8





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